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TOKYO FOR MARRAT

E.O. 11652: ITPTPA
TAGS: EWWT, TW
SUBJ: ROC-MIDDLE EAST CARGO ASSIGNMENT

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1. AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES AND SEALAND REPRESENTATIVES
INDICATE THAT TO DATE NO LOSS OF BUSINESS ATTRIBUTABLE TO
DISCRIMINATION HAS RESULTED FROM BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE
(BOFT) ANNOUNCEMENT OF APRIL 12. NO INDICATIONS YET THAT
BANKS OR HARBOR AUTHORITIES ARE UNDER INSTRUCTION TO
INTERFERE WITH CONTAINERIZATION EVEN WHEN INVOLVES LESS-
THAN-CONTAINER-LOAD STUFFING FOR CONVENIENCE OF CARRIER.
ONLY U.S. CARRIER COMPLAINT IS EXTRA PAPERWORK, AND
CARRIERS HOPE TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM, TOO, IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. PRESS REPORTS STATE THAT MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
HAS REQUESTED BOFT TO APPLY LIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF NEW
REGULATIONS AND HAS INSTRUCTED HARBOR AUTHORITIES TO
PERMIT MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT CONFERENCE AND
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SAUDI AND IRANIAN COMPANIES TO LOAD CARGO, PRESUMABLY OF
ALL KINDS, FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, PENDING ANTICIPATED BOFT
FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF REQUEST.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE A
LIKELY OUTCOME, THE GROC APPEARS TO BE QUICKLY BACKING
DOWN WHENEVER CONFRONTED WITH SUFFICIENT PRESSURE OR

EXPERIENCING SUFFICIENT FEAR OF RETALIATION. UNLESS
THERE ARE SUDDEN CHANGES IN GROC POSITION, FORMAL
REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF U.S. CARRIERS SHOULD NOT BE
NECESSARY. SULLIVAN

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